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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 25, 2006

Date

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 25, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 25, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/006766/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 10 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper and include both replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes. Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.